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COUNCILS, MARCH 28-30, 1978

1. THE SECOND JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE US-ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND ROC-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL TOOK PLACE IN TAIPEI, MARCH 28-30, 1978. MORE THAN 500 BUSINESSMEN REGISTERED, INCLUDING MORE THAN 250 REPRESENTING US COMPANIES. THE GROC AND GROC-OWNED ENTERPRISES WERE ALSO WELL REPRESENTED. AMBASSADOR AND ECON COUN ATTENDED THE PLENARY SESSION ON MARCH 28, SEVERAL ECONOMIC OFFICERS ATTENDED WORKING SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO THEM ON MARCH 30 AND EMBASSY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE NUMEROUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE.

2. PLENARY OPENED WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY T.K. CHANG, CHAIRMAN OF ROC-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL, AND DAVID KENNEDY, CHAIRMAN OF US-ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL. K.H. YU, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, SPOKE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING IN THE ROC. Y.S. SUN, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TALKED ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF ROC ECONOMY. HE

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WAS FOLLOWED BY ECON COUN, WHO SPOKE ABOUT PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF US-ROC TRADE, AND BY GEORGE MC KINNEY OF IRVING TRUST, WHO DISCUSSED US ECONOMY. LUNCHEON SPEAKER WAS EVERITT A. CARTER, PRESIDENT OF OAK INDUSTRIES, WHO TALKED ABOUT DOING BUSINESS IN THE ROC. AFTERNOON SESSION HAD THREE SPEAKERS: C.F.KOO, CHAIRMAN OF CHINESE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY AND

COMMERCE, WHO SPOKE ON FUTURE TRENDS OF ROC ECONOMY; RDBERT H. DILWORTH, TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US LAW FIRM BAKER AND MC KENZIE, WHO SPOKE ON RECENT US LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING US-ROC TRADE AND INVESTMENT; AND MRS. KOK-CHOO TAN DING, PARTNER IN THE US LAW FIRM KIRKWOOD, KAPLAN, RUSSIN AND VECCHI, WHO SPOKE ON ROC EXPORT TRADE AND PROBLEMS UNDER US ANTIDUMPING LAWS.

3. SINCE SECOND DAY OF CONFERENCE (MARCH 29) WAS ROC HOLIDAY, NO SESSIONS WERE HELD. A GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS SCHEDULED AND SIGHTSEEING TOURS WERE ARRANGED FOR NON-GOLFERS'

4. ON THE THIRD AND FINAL DAY OF THE CONFERENCE (MARCH 30) THE PARTICIPANTS HAD THE OPTION OF ATTENDING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING TEN WORKING GROUPS ESTABLISHED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC SECTORS OF ROC ECONOMY: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FOOD PROCESSING, BANKING AND FINANCE, METAL PROCESSING AND MACHINERY, TRANSPORTATION, ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION, CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS, TOURISM AND HOTELS, AND POWER AND ENERGY. EACH WORKING GROUP HAD TWO CO-CHAIRMEN, ONE FROM EACH COUNCIL. AT MARCH 30 LUNCHEON, SPEAKER WAS JAMES E. SMITH, PRESIDENT OF AMCHAM, WHO SPOKE ON INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN ROC.

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5. BOTH DURING AND SUBSEQUENT TO CONFERENCE EMBOFFS SOLICITED VIEWS OF US PARTICIPANTS ON ITS VALUE. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT CONFERENCE HAD ACHIEVED OBJECTIVES OF AIRING MAJOR PROBLEMS AND ISSUES AFFECTING US-ROC ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND OF ACQUAINTING US BUSINESSMEN WITH POTENTIAL FOR TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN ROC. EMBOFFS WHO ATTENDED WORKING GROUPS AS OBSERVERS FOUND SESSIONS INTERESTING AND LIVELY. THERE WERE NUMEROUS CRITICISMS OF GROC POLICIES AND PRACTICES PARTICULARLY REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN BANKS, INEFFICIENCY OF GROC BUREAUCRACY, AND HIGH DUTIES ON IMPORTS.

6. THERE WAS NO EFFORT BY GROC TO USE CONFERENCE AS VEHICLE TO GAIN POLITICAL SUPPORT, AT LEAST IN PUBLIC SESSIONS. WILLIAM MORELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF US-ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL, COMMENTED TO ECON COUN THAT HE, DAVID KENNEDY AND EVERETT CARTER HAD CONSISTENTLY HAMMERED HOME THE POINT THAT USEFULNESS OF BOTH COUNCILS WOULD BE DESTROYED IF THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS SPOKESMEN FOR GROC POLITICAL INTERESTS.

7. NEXT JOINT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO,

PROBABLY IN SPRING OF 1979. IN INTERIM, US-ROC  
COUNCIL WILL ASSIST BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE WITH  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITS OF ROC BUYING MISSIONS TO  
US IN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1978.

8. COPIES OF MAJOR SPEECHES AND PAPERS PREPARED FOR  
WORKING GROUP SESSIONS HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO EA/ROC  
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